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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING DATA WHEN

ALTERING THE STORAGE CONTENTS OF CONTROL UNITS

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2002, Applicants submit the following:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked copy of the claims as amended is attached as an Appendix entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16 18, 20, 24 and 27 as follows:

(Amended) A method of erasing and/or programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising the steps of:

providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be erased and/dr programmed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and/or programming of the memory arrangement; and

altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing and/or programming the information.

(Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is a 6. component of the information.

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